

NOTICE OF DECISION

EXCHANGE OF LANDS IN GRANT COUNTY, OREGON

OR-51858

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Prineville District Office, 3050 N.E. Third Street, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754, 541-416-6700.

Notice is hereby given that Christina M. Welch, Field Manager for the Central Oregon Resource Area, Prineville District Office, BLM, has issued a decision to approve the final transaction of the Northeast Oregon Assembled Land Exchange (NOALE) initiated pursuant to the Oregon Land Exchange Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-257, enacted 8/8/2000), and as prescribed in the proposed alternative for the NOALE Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The Record of Decision is available for review at the Prineville District and/or a copy may be obtained upon request from the Prineville District at the above address.

In this final transaction, four Federal parcels totaling 560.89 acres will be conveyed to equalize exchange values and complete the legislated land exchange. The legal descriptions of the Federal parcels are as follows:

Willamette Meridian, Oregon

Parcel	Township	Range	Section	Subdivision	Acreage
1	9 S.	27 E.	36	NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	280.00
2	11 S.	28 E.	32	N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	80.00
3	11 S.	28 E.	33	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	40.00
4	11 S.	28 E.	32	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	
	12 S	28 E.	5	Lots 1 and 2, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>160.89</u>
				TOTAL	560.89

At this time, all of the legislated parcels have been exchanged; however, there is a ledger balance due to the facilitator for this exchange. The Act stipulated that the exchange was to be an "equal value exchange" in accordance with Sec. 206(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2756), as amended. The Federal lands being conveyed are made up of isolated parcels which are difficult and uneconomical to manage. This final transaction will balance the ledger and completed the exchange as directed to the Act. The exchange has been determined to be in the public interest.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, interested parties may submit written comments or objections to the District Manager, at the above address.

Dated: April 2, 2003

/s/ Christina M. Welch

Christina M. Welch

Central Oregon Resource Area, Field Manager